



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## MINUTES

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD 135 BOLTON ROAD VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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The November 19, 2019 Senior Citizen's Advisory Board was held at 135 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carole Slattery at 9:33 AM. In attendance were the following members of the Board: Patty Noblet, Roxann Lannan, John Mytych, Patricia Iamonaco, MaryAnn Hopowiec, and William Tyler. Others in attendance included Bill Campbell, Town Council Liaison and Maureen Gabriele, Senior Center Director. Absent were Wes Shorts and Ron Kane.

No one attended to speak at the Public Forum.

After a brief review the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion for same was made by Roxann Lannan and seconded by Patricia Iamonaco. The motion carried unanimously.

No Secretary's report was presented.

The Treasurer, Wes Shorts was absent so Carole Slattery, Chairman presented the report developed by Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer for the Town of Vernon. As of September 30, 2019 the balance in our account was \$40,429.56, with monthly interest of \$66.42 the October 31, 2019 balance was \$40,494.98. A motion was made by Maryann Hopowiec, seconded by Patricia Iamonaco. The motion carried unanimously.

Carole Slattery presented the dates for the 2020 FOIA submission as follows: January 28, 2020; February 25, 2020; March 24, 2020; April 28, 2020; May 26, 2020; June 23, 2020; July 28, 2020; August 25, 2020; September 22, 2020; October 27, 2020; November 17, 2020; December 15, 2020; and January 26, 2021. The motion to approve the dates was made by Maryann Hopowiec and seconded by Roxann Lannan. The motion carried unanimously.

No Committee Reports were presented.

Maureen Gabriele, Director presented an update of the Center's activities. She shared that Shirley McElroy, Line Dance Teacher and her class members collected donations to provide Thanksgiving baskets for seven local families this year. Each basket includes everything needed for the holiday meal including breakfast. Kitchen Lunch Program is going forward with no complaints. Today, 70 people are signed up for the lunch. December meals are being worked on presently. The Fitness Center Information meetings are scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 AM and December 5, 2019 2:30 PM. Open house is December 6, 2019 from 11-1PM and beginning December 9, 2019 the Fitness Center is open from 9:00 AM – 3:30PM.

Outside Recreation activities are almost completed. The fencing is in process. The Center is again entering a Gingerbread House Contest. This year the entry is a replica of the Santa's House. Maureen went on to share November's activities and some of the events to come in December. All activities are listed in the newsletter.

Evening Hours in the winter were discussed to get feedback from the Board. The board agreed that as long as they continue through December and resume in April evening hours could be discontinued. Maureen shared that the Library Director Jennifer Johnston has offered space for evening card players should they want to do some evening events at the library. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve the Center will close at 4:00 PM to allow everyone to spend time with family. One other change in December is the 31<sup>st</sup> there will not be any Bingo due to the New Years Eve Party.

Maureen did not bring the exact numbers with her but said she believed that 1624 new members have joined the center. Bill Campbell asked if the budget was sufficient to continue without additional funding. Maureen said that in fact it was.

The Board was curious as to how the charging station was going and asked that this information be added to next months meeting.

Carole Slattery asked that the Director look into substituting coffee cups and getting rid of the styrafoam. Maureen agreed to look into a more sustainable cup option .

A sheet was passed around relative to contact information for the board members and emails for ease of contacting each other.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM with a motion from Pat Iamonaco and seconded by Roxann Lannan the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wheelock  
Recording Secretary